

Board of Commissioners
November 20, 2007 – 2:31 pm

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Highway Report

CR 2000N - Highway Superintendent Painter spoke with INDOT about CR 2000N as an unofficial detour. It was decided that the road would be patched to get through the winter then fully repaired. The county will pay for the work then be reimbursed by the state. Painter asked if more than one proposal should be obtained. Rininger said he should try to get at least two. Painter said he could get two and give them to INDOT for them to pick which one to use. Logsdon stated that it needs to be in writing that INDOT agrees to pay the amount of the proposal chosen.

Pipe Bid – Painter stated that CPI asked if the bid which was submitted and accepted last year could be rolled over for 2008. Gogel asked if that was legal. Attorney Lueken said yes, since under \$150,000. Logsdon stated that CPI has been reliable, timely and supportive. Logsdon made a motion to roll over the CPI bid with no increases in cost. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

New SR 231 – Painter spoke with the project manager, Carl Hogely, regarding a piece of road the state must black top because they are cutting off access to a piece of property. For the state to get to this road they will be running equipment on county roads. Painter said he told them they would have to bond the county roads. Rininger asked if the county could chip and seal the whole county road instead of black topping that small portion, since it could cost the same. Logsdon stated that it depends on the agreement the land owner made with the state. Logsdon told Painter to call Calvin Evans of INDOT and set up a meeting. Engineer Lloyd stated that the correct wording was in the bids to require bonds by contractors, but the county will still need to contact the contractors awarded with the bids.

Trees on Orchard Road – Painter stated that K & K removed the trees which were about to fall on Orchard Road.

Engineer Report

Santa Claus Water Project – Lloyd stated that Santa Claus Water wants to cut several county roads, but they are boring under the State Roads and driveways. Logsdon stated that the county could agree to let them use the right-of-way – 6 feet off the pavement – but not set on the county road. Further discussion was had on the possibilities. Lueken stated that it has been customary to require utilities to have a \$25,000 bond, but that amount is for annual maintenance, not major installation. Lloyd said they want to close CR 800. Logsdon suggested that this be put on the agenda for the December 3rd meeting and that the contractors should be invited to be present.

Legal Report

Lueken stated that he is working on the bid process ordinance including the three alternatives. Logsdon made a motion to direct Lueken to draft a bid process ordinance and have it ready for the December 3rd meeting. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Meeting Schedule

Gogel made a motion to add an end of year meeting on December 27th at 8:45 am. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Liability Insurance

Rininger stated that Universal design sent the county the insurance appraisals requested for the courthouse and the jail. The total replacement cost for the courthouse is \$10,268,800 and for the jail is \$5,685,700. The cost would then raise 3% to 5% per year. Logsdon asked how this will affect our insurance rates. Logsdon also asked if they could provide quotes for 100%, 90%, and 80% coverage. Discussion was had on possible alternatives. Shelton will contact Middleton. Logsdon made a motion to accept the reports by Universal Design. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Property Maintenance Ordinance

Debbie Steinkamp, Solid Waste Director, explained that a committee has been meeting to devise a way to protect the property values, the aesthetic value, and the health of the county. The committee was made up of

representatives of Solid Waste, Planning and Zoning, and the Health Department. The ordinance lays out a standard operating procedure. Lueken explained that the areas the ordinance deals with are “Trash and Junk”, “Weeds and Rank Vegetation”, and “Abandoned and Junk Vehicles”. Discussion was had on the sections. Rininger explained that this ordinance is to address complaints; there will be no one looking for violation. Steinkamp explained that every exception cannot be covered in the ordinance and judgment will need to be exercised, but an appeals process is in place if necessary. Logsdon made a motion to table the ordinance until December 3rd. Gogel seconded. All in favor. A draft of the ordinance will be placed on the website.

Courthouse Landscaping

Walt Robinson, of Robinson Landscaping, presented his proposal and quotes for the courthouse lawn. The drawing will be in the Auditor’s office for review. A meeting was set for December 3rd prior to the next commissioners meeting at 8:30 am to discuss the landscaping options.

Rotunda Award

Lisa Gehlhausen, of Indiana 15, presented the commissioners with an Indiana Historical Preservation Award from the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology for the restoration of the courthouse rotunda.

Thank you to Universal Design

Rininger thanked Universal Design for the work they did on the appraisal of the courthouse and the jail at a very reasonable cost.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Board of Commissioners,

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President	
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Cindy Shelton, Auditor	
